

Region II Interagency Coordinating Committee  
5/15/06 meeting minutes

*In attendance: Marlys Albright, Nancy Rubbelke, Wendy Thomas, Kathy Lee, Mary Lou Holliday, Dianne Maupin, Patty Redding, Dawn Klein, Dawn Milbrath, Thea Holm*

1. The minutes from last meeting were passed out along with the meeting agenda. Follow-up was provided from last meeting. Patty Redding spoke with 3 Trinity staff regarding sending out notification to families that their baby's hearing was screened and the results of the screening. Based on her 3 conversations (one with the nursery, one with an audiologist, and one with the Head of OB), there seems to be a lag in time before the results are read and the baby is discharged. Results are indicated on the discharge summary, however, parents aren't given a copy. Follow-up is conducted (via letters to family) if the baby does not pass the newborn screening. A barrier noted to Patty was that there is not enough money or staff time to send out screening results letters and grant to possible purchase template cards to check off results.
2. Kathy Lee announced that the *Reach Out and Read* program has been funded at the UND Family Practice Center in Minot ND. This program involves doctors by providing them: 1) training about the importance of reading to children, 2) developmentally appropriate books to pass along to families during well baby checkups, and 3) volunteers to read to kids in the waiting rooms before their doctor's appointment. Kathy mentioned that training for the physicians will begin in June. The facility already has the books to give out to families during their appointment and the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) has agreed to read stories to the children.
3. Right Track reports were given for January 1 through March 31, 2006. In **Ward County**, 92 children screened and there were 23 new referrals. There were 7 children referred from RT to DDCM. Referral sources in Ward County included parents (8), hospital (6), Children's Special Health Services (4), CAPTA (2), RT (2), and a social worker (1). In **Peace Garden Consortium**, there were 76 children screened and there were 9 new referrals. There were 3 children referred from RT to DDCM and 1 child referred to preschool screenings from RT. Referral sources in PGC included hospital (2), CAPTA (2), Village Team (2), a friend (1), and RT consultant (2).
4. During our last meeting, our committee members talked about a need for community training related to children with behavior difficulties. As a result, the committee recommended that we co-sponsor a community training for parents, child care providers and teachers in how to respond to behaviors in young children. Keith Gustafson mentioned that two of his staff is trained on a curriculum called *Positive Beginnings*. A special thanks goes out to Marlys Albright and Cris Deaver for teaching a 4 part course in April. Feedback from the training was shared with the committee. Marlys mentioned that the course will be taught next week in Stanley. Plans are also in place to teach the course in Bottineau and Fargo this year as well.
5. Mary Lou Holliday announced that a playgroup for current and past Infant Development families is scheduled this week, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at the Minot Head Start building. Feedback was gathered via a parent survey. Thus far, they are expecting 25 adults and children to attend.
6. Kathy mentioned that Infant Development staff will begin gathering Family and Child Outcomes starting July 1, 2006 on enrolled families. Information will be used for program

monitoring purposes. No individual data will be specified. The information will be gathered upon 1) entrance, 2) annually, and 3) exit.

7. Kathy passed out brochures for the upcoming Family Connections Conference which will be held June 14-16, 2006 in Bismarck. Full conference registration is due June 5, 2006. For more information, log onto [www.conted.und.edu/connections](http://www.conted.und.edu/connections)
8. Kathy announced that Barb Johnson would like to join the RICC. Barb conducts preschool classes at St. Leo's preschool and contacted Kathy about including children with disabilities into her setting. Committee members felt she would be a nice addition to the group. Wendy will invite her to the next meeting.

Submitted by Wendy Thomas